

REMARKS

The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-48 have been cancelled.

Claims 49-56 are pending.

A telephone interview occurred on June 16, 2005 between Examiner Lamson D. Nguyen and Patent Attorney Thomas A. Jolly. During this brief interview regarding the above-identified Office Action it was brought to the Examiner's attention that a Preliminary Amendment had been filed on July 10, 2003 amending the claims by canceling original Claims 1-48 and adding new claims 49-56. It was agreed that Applicants would file a timely response stating such and listing the pending claims.

Consequently, an earlier Restriction Notice by the Examiner and Election of Species response by Applicants, and the above-referenced Office Action appear to be moot given that each of these documents mistakenly addressed cancelled Claims 1-48 rather than pending Claims 49-56.

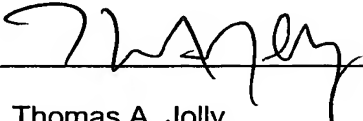
It is respectfully requested that pending Claims 49-56 be examined and existing rejections/objections to previously cancelled Claims 1-48 be withdrawn.

The preliminary amendment was not made in response to the rejections and objections, referenced art, or other comments in the above-referenced Office Action. This response is intended to simply correct an error in prosecution. Applicants expressly reserve the right to submit Claims 1-48 and/or other claims of similar or differing scope in one or more continuing or divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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